

Applicant: Westhoff et al.
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21. (Four times Amended) An insert adapted to be embedded in a cast member for force-fittingly receiving a leg portion of a step, said insert being comprised of:

a hollow, substantially cylindrical-shaped elongated housing having an open end and a closed end;

one of the open end and the closed end having a flange lying entirely in a plane diagonally aligned with a longitudinal axis of said housing;

another one of the open end and the closed end having a flange lying in a plane perpendicular to said longitudinal axis;

an interior surface of said housing having a portion thereof being provided with a plurality of projections arranged at spaced intervals and extending radially inward;

each of the plurality of projections having a tapering cross-section defined by a first surface diagonally aligned with the longitudinal axis and facing the open end and a second surface perpendicular to said longitudinal axis and facing the closed end.

41. (Twice Amended) An insert which is embedded in a cast member for force-fittingly receiving a leg portion of a step, said insert being comprised of:

a hollow, substantially cylindrical-shaped, elongated housing having a generally smooth cylindrical outer surface and having an open end and a closed end;